

The Daily Argus.

Monday, December 23, 1872.

RAILROADS.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC R. R. GOING EAST.

Express and Mail, leaving Chicago at 10:30 p. m. Accommodation, leaving at 11:30 p. m.

Express and Mail, leaving Chicago at 8:00 a. m. Accommodation, leaving at 9:00 a. m.

Arrive at Bureau Junction, 9:00 p. m. Leave Bureau Junction, 9:00 p. m.

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OFFICIAL PAPER.

Sweet cider at A. Lazar & Son's.

These cold days Zeis thinks his overcoats are just the thing.

Go to the Hong Kong Tea Store for Toys and Holiday Goods.

Boston Bazar wants customers and offers inducements to get them.

Foreign or domestic fire is always acceptable at Christmas. Lazar has a choice stock of such things.

Closing out goods from the Fire at McCabe Bros., Plunder Store. Positively bargains in Millinery Goods and Notions.

Most exquisite stock of Bohemian Glassware, Colognes, Toilet Sets and Vases at C. Spieck's.

That old and always reliable dry goods house, Wardworth & Parsons, offers its usual seasonable attractions, and invites public attention to the fine goods and low prices to be obtained there.

Woodward's book and variety store is much thronged by those in search of holiday gifts. His assortment is large and few people who visit it fail to find something they want.

"BARNETT'S" SUPERIOR FLAVORING EXTRACTS—Lemon, Vanilla, etc., are the very best in this country. Stanton & Co., grocers, Chicago. For sale by all the leading dealers everywhere.

John Fisher, the tobacconist in the post office block, east side, has a large stock of Meersbach, Briarwood and other pipes; best brands of cigars and tobacco of all kinds—just the things for holiday presents.

The right thing in the right place is Durno's Snuff. "Pike's Toothache Drops" cure in one minute, only 25 cents. "Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar" for Coughs and Colds 50c and \$1.

The Weather—To-Day.

The following shows the temperature to-day, as indicated by thermometer, in the shade, on the north side of THE ARGUS OFFICE, at the hours named:

6 A. M. 32° 7 A. M. 32° 8 A. M. 32° 9 A. M. 32° 10 A. M. 32° 11 A. M. 32° 12 M. 32° 1 P. M. 32° 2 P. M. 32° 3 P. M. 32° 4 P. M. 32° 5 P. M. 32° 6 P. M. 32° 7 P. M. 32° 8 P. M. 32° 9 P. M. 32° 10 P. M. 32° 11 P. M. 32° 12 M. 32°

Below zero.

Cloudy.

Very fine stock of goods at the Boston Bazar.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—We have just opened a fine assortment of Black Silks, Irish Poplins, Silk Velvets, Real Lace Collars, Under Sleeves and Handkerchiefs, Fine Linen Collars and Cuffs, etc. We will sell at very low prices for the Holiday's.

Far scarfs, neckties, bows, and all the nice and fashionable things for gent's Zeis offers attractions.

Fresh oysters in every shape at A. Lazar & Son's.

Krell makes a fine show of toys for the holidays, the variety being very extensive. In candies and choice confectionery he is well up with the times, and offers inducements to all. In variety and price he says he can't be beaten by any concern in Rock Island.

Please look at our stock and prices before you buy. BOSTON BAZAR.

The German daily in Davenport (Der Tagliche Demokrat) notices the introduction in Congress, by Mr. Hawley, of a bill for a horse railroad over the government bridges, and says:

The Rock Island Agents is right when it says that no bill should pass which does not give the horse railroad now in existence in Rock Island and Davenport a free passage over the bridges and Island, and the same right to all horse railroad companies which may hereafter be organized in either place; each company bearing its proportion of building the road and keeping it in repair. But it looks as if Mr. Hawley was working in the interest of some thing.

French candies and all the nice confections at A. Lazar & Son's.

POLICE COURT.—James C. Patten, Wm. Morrow and Wm. Shea were arrested yesterday and lodged in jail on the charge of creating a disturbance and trying to, as they termed it, "clean out" the saloon opposite the Rockford depot, known as the St. Louis Exchange. They were brought before Justice Cropper this forenoon and fined \$5 each and costs, on the payment of which they were discharged.

Wm. Frisbee and F. J. Loring were arrested yesterday by policemen Brennan and Lyon, on complaint of Henry Looney, Assistant Superintendent of the R. R. & St. L. R. R., for entering a car belonging to that road, and maliciously breaking lamps, furniture, etc., contained therein. They are to have their trial to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, before Justice Cropper.

There seems to be an unusual rush at Keisow's about these days. He has a great stock of nice goods, and his customers are always promptly and politely waited upon. He sells only for cash, and he declares that his prices and goods make it an object for people to call and see him. Almost anything in the dry goods line can be found at his store, both of foreign and domestic goods, and for variety, in styles, quality and price he thinks his store is fully up to any other. He makes a specialty of the very nice Marcelline quilts manufactured at our home factory. From some knowledge in such matters, we assure the public that these quilts deserve to be in every house in this region. They are very superior goods, and very cheap, too.

Nuts, fresh and in great variety, at A. Lazar & Son's.

AN ICE BOAT ON ROCK RIVER.—We are told that Orrin Holt and Mr. Hayden, of the Milan House, at Milan, have built, at Hakes and Gilmore's lumber mill near Milan, an ice boat to run on Rock river, from Parks & Hillier's coal bank to Milan, for the purpose of bringing down coal. The boat is 12 by 16 feet; has two sets of runners in front, and one (with a rudder) in the rear, and is to be rigged with sails and propelled by the wind. It is calculated that the boat will carry 100 bushels of coal, and tow sleds with more coal, quantity in proportion to the wind. The sleds will be built to carry each a two horse wagon load, and the coal will be for Milan alone. The distance is eight miles, and the ice smooth and in good condition. They expect to be able to make the run, either way, in half an hour. Of course the enterprise is only an experiment, but it will be interesting to note its success.

The Boston Bazar people are sure they have got the greatest variety of nice goods at the lowest prices.

WEEK.

Almost a Conflagration.

Not far from eleven o'clock Saturday night the book store of H. C. Blackburn, on Illinois street, was discovered to be on fire. The building was a two story brick, owned by Isaac Negus, and both floors occupied by Mr. Blackburn. No one slept in the store, and the fire is supposed to have taken from the stove pipe passing through the second floor. The hose companies were promptly on hand, but there was some delay in getting an alarm at the Water Works, owing, it is said, to the fact that the first plugs tried were frozen. After opening two, the one at the alley near THE ARGUS office was opened and a response heard, from the Water Works. But it was some 20 minutes after the alarm was on the ground before there was sufficient power on the water to be effective. When the power did show itself, however, it was immense; and the three streams of water soon drowned out the fire. It seemed like turning a river upon it. Two, two story brick stores were burned out. The one occupied by Mr. Blackburn, and the adjoining one occupied by Joseph Levi, as a dry goods store.

Mr. Blackburn claims to have had some \$7,000 to \$8,000 worth of stock on hand. Nothing whatever was saved. He was insured for \$5,000—\$2,500 in the Hartford, and \$2,500 in the Home, New York City—Burford & Reed's agency.

Joseph Levi's goods are all or nearly all insured, but were much damaged by water and many articles lost in moving. He was insured \$1,000 in the Girard, Philadelphia, Hayes & Cleveland's agency; and \$1,000 in the National of Philadelphia, Burford & Reed's agency. He thinks his loss will not be less than \$3,000, as he had a pretty large stock on hand.

Gayford's photograph gallery was over Levi's store. Most of his stock and a good deal of his furniture was removed, but in a very damaged condition. His loss is estimated at \$2,000. Insured for \$1,000 in the Home, Burford & Reed's agency.

Miss McCormickdale can be found with her stock of goods over May Bros. store. This is the second time she has been burned out. The building she occupied was not burned, now, but it was drenched out by floods of water.

On the east side of Blackburn's was Wm. Kale's billiard saloon. Loss by water and breakage, \$600 to \$700. Insured in Underwriters', New York, for \$1,000.

Mr. Negus's loss on the store occupied by Mr. Blackburn, \$3,000. No insurance. His loss on the building occupied by Kale is slight and is covered by insurance.

Dr. Greig owned the stores occupied by Levi and Gayford and the one by Miss McCormickdale. He lost is said to be from \$1,200 to \$1,500. No insurance.

The loss, over insurance, as claimed, is as follows:

Mr. Negus \$3,000
Dr. Greig 1,500
Miss McCormickdale 350
Gayford 1,000
Levi 1,000
Blackburn 2,000
Total \$8,350

Insurance companies lose, say—

Continental \$1,650
Etna 1,000
Girard 1,000
National 1,000
Hartford 3,000
Home 2,000
Underwriters 700
Total \$10,350

This would make the total loss by the fire \$19,150.

The night was a bitter cold one, mercury about 10 deg. below zero, but, fortunately, there was little wind, and the water was in condition to be used. But the fireman had a hard job to keep from freezing, as it was almost an impossibility to hold the hose pipe, and frequent changes of men were necessary. There seemed to be some lack of effective organization in the fire department, some want of discipline and obedience to superior officers—but to no one is inclined to find much fault, considering that the present organization is rather new. It was interesting to note the affectionate regard in which firemen were held, that night, by many who, perhaps, when there is no danger, forget that these brave men owe much of our immunity from danger and loss.

All who want nice dry goods cheap are invited to give the Boston Bazar a call.

THE TURNER FAIR.—We have been requested by the managers of the Turner Society to say that the gross receipts of their late fair were \$800. After deducting all the expenses the net profit to the Society was about \$500. A number of prizes are yet unclaimed. The holders of the following numbers are requested to call and get their prizes: No. 450, 279, 275. Among the season tickets sold, No. 170 was the lucky number which drew the \$20 prize—but the holder of this number generously donated the prize to the Society.

The Managers tender their grateful thanks to the public generally for the generous patronage of the fair; and especially do they offer their most hearty thanks to the ladies who composed a committee to aid in making the fair a success. Their unremitting and efficient services, and the influence of their presence deserves and receives the hearty thanks of every Turner. Without the aid of the ladies the success of the fair would not have been assured.

THE PENITENTIARY.

It is due to Governor Palmer to say that he has entirely broken up the old system of party favoritism by which the people were made to pay from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand dollars a year to support the Joliet Penitentiary; turned out Warden Washburne, who was wholly deficient in a knowledge of discipline and management; leased the labor of the convicts at an average of 65 cents a day; and thus made the establishment bring into the State Treasury \$36,000 more than the expense of running it. The courage, independence, and good judgment of Gov. Palmer deserve to be held in grateful remembrance by the whole people.

Collector's Notice.

The State, County and Municipal taxes for 1872 are now due. I will be present to receive the same at my office in Burford's block, from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 1 to 7 P. M.

H. C. CLEVELAND, Collector.

AT RETAIL.—Suitable Christmas and New Year's Presents. Richly gilded china Dinner and Tea sets, Toilet sets, Caskets, Toys sets, Mosaic cups and saucers, Mugs, Vases, Colognes and Liqueur sets, Parian statues, Smoking sets, Lamps and Looking glasses of all kinds &c. &c. &c. MAY BROS.

NOTES, HERE AND THERE.

John E. Owens at Dart's Hall to-night. Gen. H. F. Sikes is at Colorado Springs.

Dance at the Milan House, in Milan, to-morrow evening.

Horace Sikes and Reuben Wells are reported to be doing well with their new paper mill at Golden City, Colorado.

The street cars will run, up and down, for the accommodation of the people, after the entertainment at Dart's Hall this evening.

R. B. Carpenter, just elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Carolina by the negro legislature in that State, was formerly a resident of Chicago.

The free library and reading room, over the post office, will hereafter be open as follows: From 9 A. M. to 12 M.; from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. and from 7 P. M. to 10 P. M.

Notwithstanding what the Union may say, we do not believe J. B. Hawley is in any way connected with the Credit Mobilier swindle—guns of that calibre were not used.

John Volk, the builder, estimates that 250 buildings have been erected in this city during the past season, at a cost of half a million of dollars. He has put up some 35 to 40, at a cost of \$100,000.

During the fire, in this city, on Saturday night, a lady perpetrated the following neat conundrum: "What authors names would make a proper explanation in regard to the fire?" All present gave it up. Ans.: "Dickens, Howitt Burns."

George Sears, of South Rock Island, during the war, was robbed of some money, one night, after pay day. Not long ago he received the amount in an envelope mailed in Tennessee. Nothing was written on the paper enclosing the money, except the word "restitution."

The June report of the Master Mechanic of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, Iowa Division, shows that during the month 101 locomotives were employed, running 261,374 miles. One of our coal run locomotives 45.87 miles, and the cost per mile was \$17.19.

According to an elaborate report in Saturday's Chicago Times, the proprietors of the Illinois State Journal have been swindling the State on printing contracts since 1850—and this year, by letting the Register folks in, the two concerns form a ring for a bigger raid on the people's cash box.

Trains were running from the Coal Valley yards in this city, Sunday, supplying people with coal. The efforts of Mr. Cable to keep down the price of coal, give all a little, keep all our factories running, and let no one suffer if he could prevent it, are highly appreciated by the public generally.

It is estimated that 3,000 bushels of coal a day are hauled over the government bridges to Davenport. The people over there get it from 3 to 4 cents a bushel less than they did before the bridges were opened to coal teams—but call it 2 cents less, and the people over the river save \$60 a day on the item of coal alone.

The cold snap, commencing on Friday, extends generally over the West, and the mercury ranges from 10 to 42 below zero.

Port Garry, Manitoba, Saturday it was 42 below; at St. Paul 30 below; Milwaukee 20 below; Des Moines 22; at Madison, Wis. 15 below; at LaSalle 15 below; at Rock Island 12 below; and at Cincinnati 4 below. This (Monday) morning was colder still—14 below at Rock Island.

A committee from the Iron and Steel Institute of London, England, under the presidency of Mr. Bessemer, has just made a most favorable report on a new coal mining machine. The motive power is composed of air, the same as used in working the Mont Cenis and Hoosier tunnels. This machine is reported to have mined 75 tons of coal in eight hours, with the aid of two men to manage it, which is equal to the labor of forty men as now worked. One other great advantage of this machine is, that at the same time it cheapens coal there is no danger of a strike when coal is most needed. Let our coal operators look to this, and as reported, the sooner such machines are set to work the better for us all.

A large stock of French and home made candies, just received at the Hong Kong Tea Store.

Choice cigars, neatly put up, for Christmas presents, at A. Lazar & Son's.

SAVE MONEY.—It is well worth saving, and you can save it by using a Sewing Machine, and get one of the best and most perfect machines in existence. The new Wilson Under-Feed Sewing Machine has reached a point of excellence and perfection equalled by no machine in use, and the constantly and rapidly increasing demand, which is almost beyond their manufacturing capacity to supply, is convincing evidence that the merits and cheapness of this machine are being appreciated by the public. Salesroom at 378 West Madison St., Chicago, and in all other cities in the U. S. The company want agents in country towns.

A Prediction.

The prophet of the Cincinnati Commercial makes these predictions: "The Presidential candidates of the two or more parties four years hence will be of Republican antecedents, and that one of them will be a prominent Western man, such as a man as Morton, or Washburne, or Logan, and the other a pronounced Eastern man—such as a man as Adams, or Boutwell, or Blaine. The contest will be between two or more Republicans. The Western man will go for rotation, and free trade, and governmental liberalization generally, while the Eastern man will represent political Whiggery."

The prophet says that the Western candidate of the new Republican party will be the successor of General Grant in the Presidency.

Invalids or Dyspeptics can eat with impunity and relish biscuits, rolls, or pastry, made with DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER. The ingredients entering into its composition are chemically pure, healthy, and nourishing.

For sale by grocers generally.

A STRIKING EVIDENCE of the high esteem in which the Charter Oak Stoves are held, is the immense number of them that are annually sold—20,130 in 1871!

Duping the Sick.

In shape, color and smell the (so-called) remedies resemble the mushroom, yet the one is a potent and the other a wholesome vegetable. Many of the advertised and unadvised elixirs which unscrupulous speculators are trying to persuade the credulous are "as good as the Bitters." Use a like-superior remedy to that of the insatiable vegetable. Quite a number of these dangerous fungi have started up within the last two years, and countless many people have been deceived by them. Some of these wolves wear the sheep's clothing of pretended morality, and invent upon medical stimulation as they vent their evil poison. While others offer their liquid compounds of "violet red" and "condensed drugs" under the slang names of "Bitters," "Morning Glories," "Cobweb Ointment," and "Lemon Balm," and of them all, for they are deadly and detestable.

LOCAL COLUMN.

John Root's Bitters.

John Root's Bitters are a family medicine. John Root's Bitters cure general debility.

John Root's Bitters cure dyspepsia. Use it.

John Root's Bitters cure fever and ague.

John Root's Bitters cure all bilious diseases.

John Root's Bitters cure nervousness and headache. Try it. They are warranted.

John Root's Bitters cure indigestion. Try it.

John Root's Bitters are not a whisky drink.

Roots Bitters for sale at the Harper House Drug Store.

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